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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS:
NONTARIFF BARRIERS

REFS: A. HELSINKI A-201, B. HELSINKI 518, 2/27/73
FOR MTN DELEGATION

1. COMMERCE APPRECIATES EXCELLENT REF A BUT SEEKS CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL DATA ON FOLLOWING:

2. AUTOMOBILE EXCISE TAX: ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FINISH
TARIFF, APPENDIX 6 (EXCISE TAXES), AUTOMOBILE TAX EQUALS
TAXABLE VALUE OF CAR PLUS 45 (EQUIVALENT TO 145 OF TAXABLE
VALUE), MINUS FMK 2,500. TAX MUST ALSO EQUAL AT LEAST 50
OF TAXABLE VALUE. IS TAXABLE VALUE EQUAL TO C.I.F. DUTY-
PAID VALUE OF CAR?

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3. ANTIBIOTICS PROHIBITION: REF A, PAGE 52, STATES IMPORTS OF CERTAIN ANTIBIOTICS (TARIFF ITEM 30.03.908) PROHIBITED. OUR COPY FINISH TARIFF SCHEDULE CONTAINS NO SUCH ITEM. PLEASE CHECK NUMBER.

4. EXPORT RESERVE FUND LAW: IS LAW STILL IN OPERATION? IF SO, ARE DETAILS IN REF B ACCURATE?

5. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: OBR 71-069, "SELLING IN FINLAND," INDICATES TWO 1965 DECREES GIVE PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE TO FINISH GOODS. ARE DECREES STILL IN FORCE? IF SO, GIVE

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